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SUBJECT: HOTEL ROOMS SCARCE IN CAIRO

1. HOTEL SITUATION REMAINS TIGHT IN CAIRO. TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, HILTON MANAGER HAS INFORMED US THAT ENTIRE NILE HILTON HOTEL WILLBE CLEARED BY OFFICIAL GOE DIRECTIVE FROM MAY 21 TO 31, TO ACCOMMODATE PARTICIPANTS IN ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE. WE UNDERSTAND ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL CONVENE MAY 19, SO WE WOULD EXPECT SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF HOTEL ROOMS THROUGHOUT SECOND HALF OF MAY. IMPACT OF HILTON TAKEOVER MAY BE FELT BY OTHER FIRST CLASS HOTELS (SHERATON AND MERIDIEN) WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED TO ACCOMMODATE SOME OF DISPLACED HILTON CLIENTELE.

2. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO INFORM INTERESTED POSTS OF THIS PROBLEM AND TO RECOMMEND TO OFFICIAL TRAVELERS THAT THEY NOT EMBARK FOR CAIRO WITHOUT RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED BY THIS EMBASSY. MANY RECENT TRAVELERS WHO HAVE OBTAINED CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS AT CAIRO HOTELS THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCIES HAVE FOUND UPON ARRIVAL THAT THEIR RESERVATIONS ARE NOT HONORED. EILTS

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